

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Items of Interest Gathered Around Las Vegas and Vicinity.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY

LOCALS.

Have you registered?

The snow left in a hurry today and building operations were promptly renewed.

It looks like common sense and business, and not politics, will govern in municipal affairs.

The official report of the county commissioners proceedings appear on the third page of this issue of THE OPTIC.

Sig Moye and Wm. Hunter are up at Rocky Ford, Colo., attending a horse sale. They will bring home some high steppers.

Machinists Mark Elliott and Frank Roper have joined the Royal Arch Chapter, taking the first degree at the meeting Monday night.

Serapio Romero has taken the agency for the Washington Life Insurance company, of which ex-Vice President Leyl P. Morton is president.

James J. Alsop, of New York, who is largely interested in sheep down the Pecos valley, is a guest at the Plaza hotel. He is en route east after a visit to Eddy and Roswell.

Orders are coming in fast for THE OPTIC building edition. If you desire a few copies you had better get in on the ground floor or you will be too late. First come, first served.

Anselmo Gonzales' little daughter Hilaria, departed this life night before last. The funeral took place today from the family residence and was largely attended by friends of the family.

Prof. W. C. McConnell has engaged Rosenthal Bros. hall for the season, and will give regular dances and lessons. He will be pleased to secure the patronage of his old patrons and will welcome the new.

The finishing touches have been put on the coal house of the Castaneda in the way of an artistic iron railing on top of the outer brick wall—what a contrast to the unsightly frame sheds which President Ripley ordered removed.

Charlie Daniels leaves tomorrow for Espanola to engage in business with Bond Bros. His friends gave him a farewell party at Rosenthal hall last night. Some 15 couples were present and a jolly time was the result. Good luck to you, Charlie.

Frank A. Boone considers that his loss by yesterday's fire in the old Fitzgerald place is about \$600. He pays a high compliment to the fire department boys for their excellent work and desires through THE OPTIC to thank all who so generously assisted his family in an hour of need.

As a result of the controversy between La Voz del Pueblo and El Independiente, La Voz has offered to post \$500 in either bank in the city as a wage, that the latter has more than three times over as many paid bona fide subscribers than has the Independiente.

diente. Our neighbor across the river will not likely take the wager.

Grace Roseberry celebrated her thirteenth birthday last evening at her home with about eighty of her little friends, all enjoying the hours from 6 till 9 with the happy freedom of childhood. Music and games held the children until 7 when a collation of sandwiches, cake, ice cream, lemonade and fruits was served to the perfect satisfaction of each youthful guest. Many beautiful gifts were bestowed upon Grace by her friends. Indeed her popularity was fully demonstrated by the fact that over 100 presents were received by her.

PERSONALS.

Myer Friedman went south this afternoon.

A. M. Blackwell left this afternoon on a business trip to Albuquerque.

At the Plaza: O. W. Reuth, St. Louis; Jas. J. Alsop, New York; B. F. Laughlin, Watrous.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin and son, of Wagon Mound, left this afternoon for a trip to Santa Fe.

A. M. Adler and wife left this morning for Wagon Mound after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Henry Levy.

At the New Optic: C. M. Baker, Denver; C. O. Neafus, Gallinas Springs; Tito Melendez, Frank A. Vigil, Mora.

C. M. Baker, of Denver, general agent of the Railroad Accident Insurance company, is in the city today.

Mrs. J. H. Bandy, the wife of the popular building and loan man, is spending a week with friends at El Povenir.

Geo. Ayers and wife were en route to their home at San Marcial, on No. 17 this afternoon. Miss Stonerod met them at the station.

George Goodman left this afternoon on a flying trip to Durango, Colo., where he has large business interests. He will return early next week.

General Manager J. J. Frey and family passed through the city this afternoon en route to Albuquerque. Superintendent Hurley and a party of ladies met them at the station.

Miss Clara Davis arrived from Denver on No. 1 yesterday and will make a month's stay here, the guest of Mrs. Henry Hubbell. Miss Davis has many friends here who will join in making her visit a pleasant one.

At the Castaneda: John H. Sheehan, Miss Josephine Sheehan, Utica, N. Y.; F. H. McGee, Denver; F. S. Middleton, T. Hayden and wife, St. Louis; J. M. Laseny, Raton; S. Floersheim, Springer; A. Gaudorf, Denver; Thomas, E. Young, Chicago; W. H. Mair, Canton, Ohio; Noel B. Gascho, Chicago; J. A. Shoemaker, Oakland, Cal.

RAILROAD

Engineer Mart Lawless has returned from his trip east and will take his regular run south from Las Vegas.

Engineer C. C. Price has returned to Los Cerrillos from Denver and has reported for duty on the Waldo branch.

Passenger Fireman Lester laid off today to replenish his wardrobe. He lost most of his clothing in the fire at his rooming house yesterday.

"Fatty" Davis, of Raton, one of the best conductors on the line, has resigned and will go elsewhere. Mr. Davis' friends wish him success.

Brakeman Bope is in Topeka undergoing a surgical operation on his eyes. He has been a great sufferer since his injury in the wreck some months ago.

James Carlisle, formerly a conductor on the Santa Fe, but more recently connected with the Mexican Central, will go to work on the Colorado Midland.

Fireman Morris left for Topeka on No. 2 this morning to undergo his examination for promotion. He was delayed here a couple of days on account of sickness.

Firemen are now compelled to clean four engines each per month, and will receive receipts for the same. This is done in order to compel the shirks to do their part.

The new Dixon passenger engines are expected to be turned over to the Santa Fe by April 1. They will carry a train of ten coaches between Raton and Las Vegas and make regular time.

The railroad boys who lost most of their wearing apparel in yesterday's fire were Fireman Peeler, Fireman Comstock, Engineer Lawless, Fireman Turner, Engineer Whitney, Machinist Shellenberger.

Conductors Ramsey, of Chanute, Hubbard, of Las Vegas, and Dodge, of Dodge City, constitute a committee of the Order of Railway Conductors which has been in Topeka since Sunday trying to induce Assistant Superintendent Avery Turner of the Santa Fe railroad, to show clemency for two of the conductors who were discharged some time ago.

BEULAH BUDGET.

TO THE OPTIC.

BEULAH, November 28.—Nine inches of snow fell here on Sunday and the ranchmen are rejoicing, as it will give a good season for planting and save a vast amount of labor in irrigating.

C. N. Sparks is having shingles cut to re-roof his houses, and rumor has it that he will trot in double harness in the near future.

C. B. Barker is home on a short vacation from the Normal University and is enjoying himself with the folks on the ranch, as he always does on these occasions.

Miss Pearl Barker's school closed last week after a four months term. All were highly pleased with the advancement made by the pupils. Miss Barker has shown great tact for teaching and managing students, and with a year or two in the Normal would rank with the best as teacher.

Col. F. A. Blake was out enjoying an old fashioned sleigh ride, when his "one-horse slay," grounded and suicided, leaving the colonel a long way from land and water.

Old, what's-his-name, asks "If all sins come from our depravity, on account of original sin, as the creeds say, what caused Adam to yield to the first temptation, before this depravity came into the world?" If depravity is inherited, transmitted from parent to child, and righteousness is not, the Lord has given the Devil all under holds and a down-hill pull on the human family. Eh? RUSTICS.

A MANILA INCIDENT.

Friend Carl Howard Writes an Entertaining Letter.

Carl Howard, one of the brave boys now at the front in the Philippines writes an interesting letter to his mother, Mrs. J. M. D. Howard, under date of Manila, Feb. 14. Among other things he says:

"I have just come in from the country after nine days of hard work and expect to leave again Friday for the attack on Nampaloe, Malolos and San Juan Hill.

"I will tell you of the excitement here on February 4. On that night everything was very quiet and most of the soldiers had gone to the theatre. Those who remained at their quarters were playing cards and talking of the prospects of a fight, but our games were suddenly brought to a close by the sound of gun shots. A soldier was at once dispatched to the theatre with orders to call all soldiers to their quarters. The soldiers and sailors stampeded at once to obey the order, but the civilians never left their seats. However, before the show was half way through the sound of a thousand rifles echoed through the city. A thousand men were at once sent to the outposts and as many more patrolled the city, taking charge of all hydrants, and telling the Filipinos if a shot was fired the town would be burned.

"The trouble started at San Juan bridge. The natives had been insulting our boys, but a rifle in the hands of a Nebraska soldier put a stop to all foolishness and brought on one of the most memorable fights up to date.

"The Colorado boys started the ball rolling and made a grand charge, taking blockhouse after blockhouse. The Americans carried everything and by 3 o'clock in the afternoon had taken the fortified towns of Parangue, Pasig, Malabon and other places. All the towns were burned down, and every house found to be an arsenal.

"The fight lasted twenty-four hours and the fighting line was twelve miles long."

Murder at Abiquiu.

Reports from Abiquiu tell of a drunken row there Saturday night last, the outcome of a dance, in which pretty much everybody was mixed up. In the course of the fight, Antonio Manzanares pulled his six-shooter and beat Jose Maria Lucero over the head with the barrel. The blow crushed the skull of the unfortunate man, who was carried off the scene unconscious. He died Sunday at 7 a.m. Manzanares was arrested, and has been taken to Tierra Amarilla for a hearing.—New Mexican.

Col. Marcus Brunswick returned this afternoon from Denver where he and T. C. Brown, of Socorro, had been to purchase two hoisting plants and other machinery for the Brunswick-Manzanares gold mining properties in Socorro county. Col. B. says the mercury registered 12 degrees below zero in Denver yesterday morning and he came near being frost-bitten.

"Four Acres Enough, is the title of a book on gardening. Senator Hanna no doubt considers Foraker's too much.